

Tuesday Night Blues 2013

Owen Park, Eau Claire

All shows begin at 6:30

In case of inclement weather, Tuesday Night Blues is held at the House of Rock, 422 Water Street.

*August 7 will be held at Phoenix Park.

May 28 Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max

HowardLuedtke.com

June 4 Revolver

RevolverBand.net

June 11 Bryan Lee

BrailleBluesDaddy.com

June 18 Tommy Bentz Band

TommyBentz.com

June 25 Code Blue with Catya & Sue

Catya.net

July 2 Left Wing Bourbon

LeftWingBourbon.yolasite.com

July 9 Charlie Parr

CharlieParr.com

July 16 Deep Water Reunion

MySpace.com/DWRReunion

July 23 Steve Meyer with the True Heat Band

(featuring Ben Harder)

July 30 Ross William Perry

RossWilliamPerry.com

Aug 6 The Sue Orfield Band featuring Ellen Whyte

SueOrfield.com or WhyteOrfieldBand.com

Aug 13 Dave Lambert & the Blues Motivators

BluesMotivators.com

Aug 20 Rhythm Posse

facebook.com/RhythmPosse

Aug 27 Mojo Lemon

MojoLemon.com

fit in wanting to play here at TNB. That is a blessing and a curse as feelings get hurt, but we try hard to make sure that we provide the best we can and mix in some new groups and some from out of the area, while still making the local favorites available in this awesome venue of ours.

We often hear from out of town visitors about what a great event we have here, and how they don't have anything quite like it back home in Massachusetts California or New York. I'm sure there are other events similar, as we have a few here in the Chippewa Valley, but we are about the Blues! Now we have just completed the first season of Tuesday Night Blues Unplugged as well.

To keep Tuesday Night Blues going, we are looking for some new blood to put in a little bit of time and get a whole lot of joy from it. There are a lot of little things to do, mostly in the off-season, but some during the summer and we invite you to help us a little. Keeping Tuesday Night Blues going will be a reward. Look for the sign up sheet at the Chippewa Valley Blues Society tent, or talk to any of the staff passing out BluesLetters or the donation buckets.

Welcome to Tuesday Night Blues 2013!!

Tuesday Night Bluesletter

May 28, 2013 at Owen Park

Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke and Blue Max



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A Little About the Blues

Five years ago this May the Tuesday Night Blues "Committee" was sitting on pins and needles. Coming up on Tuesday May 26th would be opening night. Hopefully we had gotten the word out and some people would show up. Still struggling to get sponsors enough to help cover the cost, press releases, an article in the Leader-Telegram, some push from Volume One, advertising in a handful of local & regional publications, mentions on WHYS radio, how to format a newsletter/handout, the questions and problems seemed endless and the answers were amorphous, leading to more questions. What about the weather? What if it rains? What if no one comes?

May 26th arrived, a chilly Tuesday threatening rain, Blue Max was set to perform, but both Howard and Deb were under the weather themselves. Should we cancel? Is this going to be a disaster? 4:30 DMI Sound begins setting up with one eye on the radar. 5:30 and the band arrives and starts to set up, The Bluesmobile and Blues Society tent arrive. 6:00, 9 Degrees Ice Cream and The Weenie Wagon are setting up. It's about 65 degrees and dark. Talking with the band we decide to go with it and start 15 minutes early and try to get the show in in case it rains yet. A sliver of sunlight, a sprinkle of rain and Howard "Guitar" Luedtke & Blue Max fire it up for 150 – 200 people in the seats. AWESOME!!! It's alive! Tuesday Night Blues In Owen Park is alive and rockin'! What a great feeling!

That first season in 2009 it seemed like if it was Tuesday it was threatening rain, but every week more people showed up and the core of folks who show almost every week began to grow! Not a single concert was canceled, although when Deepwater Reunion played on July 21st they only got a couple bars in to the second tune when the sky opened up and it started hailing. While many fled, I couldn't help but grin when 50 or more pulled out rain jackets, umbrellas and sheets of plastic and begged us to wait it out and not fold the show for the night. We hung on for about 45 minutes but finally called it a night. We felt really bad for this wonderful group of musicians who come from Manitowoc, Eagle River, Wisconsin Rapids, Madison and several points in between to play for us, and always succeed in being a hit with our fans here.

That first season we weren't sure we had enough bands to fill the 15 week schedule after it was decided to run from Memorial to Labor Day. We filled the schedule and heard no complaints when Mojo Lemon played twice and the Sue Orfield Band played both as them and as the band for Ellen Whyte. That first season was rounded out with The Blues Dogs, The Pumps, Left Wing Bourbon, Lucy Creek, The Love Buzzards, The Tommy Bentz Band, and The Jones Tones as well as a "Young Blues Night" in the middle of the season. All 15 nights were played in Owen Park.

It is our fifth season, starting tonight, again with Howard Luedtke & Blue Max. That is a reason to celebrate. Many of the challenges are the same, and you can throw in a handful more to boot, but we know that you are going to be here. That was the big question mark in 2009, but we believed and you proved us right. Thank You for being here. We now have more bands and performers than we can possibly (continued on back)

One of the most versatile band's around, Howard "Guitar" Luedtke & Blue Max is a Western Wisconsin rock blues band, that performs all over Wisconsin and Minnesota. Many who have seen Howard and Blue Max have become fans of Howard's talented slide guitar playing and the band's rockin' electric blues sound.

Howard Luedtke has been playing guitar since the arrival of the Beatles in 1964. After playing with several rock, country and blues bands, Howard formed the Blue Max band in 1982. Joining Howard since 1987 is his wife, Deb Klossner originally from New Ulm, Minnesota on bass, and several talented drummers from all over the region.

Howard and Blue Max have opened up for or played with some of the best in the blues world, including: Long John Baldrey, Sugar Blue, Lonnie Brooks, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, Debbie Davies, Tinsley Ellis, Jeff Healey, Jimmy Johnson, Kenny Neal, A.C. Reed, Eddie Shaw and the Wolfgang, James Solberg, Hubert Sumlin, Koko Taylor, George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Joe Louis Walker and Howard's guitar idol, Johnny Winter.



Howard 'Guitar' Luedtke & Blue Max Upcoming Schedule

- June 1 Mallard Resort, Chippewa Falls **
- June 1 Sunset Tavern, Black River Falls
- June 2 Muddy Waters Bar & Grill, Prescott
- June 7 Mole Lake Casino, Mole Lake
- June 8 Ambassadors Blues Festival, St. Peter, MN
- June 14 Boogie's Iron River Saloon, Iron River
- June 15 Widespot Perf. Arts Center, Stockholm
- 6/16 Poo's on the Pond, Chippewa Falls **

** Howard Solo

HowardLuedtke.com

Next Week (June 4) Revolver

Revolver is a fiery, hard-driving group based out of the Chippewa Valley. Revolver's musical goal is to fire up an audience to transcend the mundane and get its groove on as the band performs a rockin' live show of addictive aural pleasure.

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